

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 6-18 as amended, remain herein. Claims 1, 4, 6-12, 15 and 18 are amended for clarity. The amendments are supported throughout applicants' specification and drawings.

1. Claims 1, 6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Uchiyama U.S. Patent 5,851,060.

In the present application, the two-dimensional image forming apparatus uses light emitted from the light source for not only a two-dimensional image display but also for an illumination light source. Since the present application discloses a second light path which does not include both a two-dimensional image forming part and an enlarging and projection part, it is possible to utilize the light passing along the second optical path as an irradiation light source.

Uchiyama discloses a device that functions as a video projector and a slide projector, in which light path (B) selected by the light path switching part (4) includes both enlarging and projection parts. Uchiyama fails to disclose a second light path which does not include both a two-dimensional image forming part and an enlarging and projection part, as recited by claims 1 and 9 of the present application, from which claims 6, 10 and 11 depend respectively. Thus Uchiyama does not disclose all applicants' claimed invention and is not a proper basis for a rejection under §102.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1, 7, 8 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Kwon U.S. Patent 5,772,301.

Kwon describes a device that operates as either a slide projector or a liquid crystal projector. The Office Action alleges that the path including collection lens 6 and LCD 8 is similar to the second optical path of the present application. But that path in Kwon does not include projection lens 11, but projection lens 11'. Kwon fails to disclose a second light path which does not include both a two-dimensional image former and an enlarging projector, as recited by claims 1 and 18 of the present application. Claims 7 and 8 depend on claim 1. Thus Kwon does not disclose all applicants' claimed invention and is not a proper basis for a rejection under §102.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

3. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kwon U.S. Patent 5,772,301 in view of Tatsuo JP 08-062721.

4. Claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Uchiyama U.S. Patent 5,851,060 in view of Weber U.S. Patent 6,364,487.

However, Kwon, Tatsuo, Uchiyama and Weber fail to disclose the configuration recited in amended claims 1 and 9, namely a "second light path which does not include both a two-dimensional image forming part and an enlarging projector," Tatsuo does not supply what is missing from Kwon. And, Weber does not supply what is missing from Uchiyama. And, there is nothing in any of those cited references or anything else in this record that would have

suggested modifying or combining any portions of their disclosures effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art.

For the foregoing reasons, Kwon, Tatsuo, Uchiyama and Weber are inadequate grounds for rejecting applicants' claims 4, 13, 14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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